APPENDIX

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 9 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-8 and 10-25 have been amended as follows.

- 1. (Amended) A composite comprising a structural component and a resin component, the structural component comprising structural <u>fibers</u> [fibres] and a toughening additive comprising non structural thermoplastic <u>fibers</u> [fibres] and the resin component comprising a non-thermoplastic material, and the structural component being a preform comprising an assembly formed from the structural <u>fibers</u> [fibres] and the non-structural thermoplastic <u>fibers</u>, which are in a fiber form in the composite [fibres].
- 2. (Amended) The [A] composite as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the resin component is a thermosetting resin composition.
- 3. (Amended) The [A] composite as claimed in either Claim 1 or Claim 2, wherein the resin component is a low viscosity thermosetting resin composition.
- 4. (Amended) The [A] composite as claimed in [any preceding] Claim 1 or 2, wherein a [the] percentage by volume of the toughening additive in the composite is

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more than 2% but less than 30%.

- 5. (Amended) The [A] composite as claimed in [any preceding] Claim 1 or 2, wherein a [the] volume of the toughening additive is more than 5% but less than 25%.
- 6. (Amended) The [A] composite as claimed in [any preceding] Claim 1 or 2, wherein a [the] volume of the toughening additive is more than 10% but less than 20%.
- 7. (Amended) The [A] composite as claimed in [any preceding] Claim 1 or 2, wherein the structural [reinforcement] component is provided in a [the] form of a plurality of layers of textile and at least one veil is provided between a pair of adjacent layers, the veil comprising a thin layer of woven or unwoven material.
- 8. (Amended) The [A] composite as claimed in [any preceding] Claim 1 or 2, wherein a [the] volume fraction of the structural fibers [fibres] in the preform is at least 65%.
 - 9. Cancelled.
- 10. (Amended) A structural reinforcement for use in a composite comprising a preform which comprises a dry fibrous assembly formed from structural <u>fibers</u> [fibres] and non-structural thermoplastic <u>fibers</u> [fibres], <u>wherein a</u> [the] volume fraction of the structural <u>fibers</u> [fibres] in the preform <u>is</u> [being] at least 65%.

- 11. (Amended) <u>The [A]</u> structural reinforcement as claimed in Claim 10, wherein at least some of the thermoplastic <u>fibers</u> [fibres] are semi-crystalline.
- 12. (Amended) <u>The</u> [A] structural reinforcement as claimed in either Claim 10 or Claim 11, further comprising a resin curing agent.
- 13. (Amended) The [A] structural reinforcement as claimed in Claim 12 wherein the curing agent can be activated by changing [is] temperature [activatable].
- of Claims] 10 or 11, [to 13] wherein the preform comprises layers of textile and the reinforcement component addition includes at least one veil between an adjacent pair of layers, the veil being formed from a thin layer of woven or unwoven material.
- 15. (Amended) <u>The [A]</u> structural reinforcement as claimed in Claim 14. wherein <u>each [the]</u> veil includes thermoplastic <u>fibers [fibres]</u>.
- 16. (Amended) <u>The [A]</u> structural reinforcement as claimed in Claim 14, [or Claim 15] wherein binder material is distributed on or in the veil.
- 17. (Amended) <u>The [A]</u> structural reinforcement as claimed in <u>Claim [any one of Claims]</u> 14, [to 16] wherein the veil has a greater absorbency rate for resin than the <u>structural</u>